

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LB 595 is the legislative intent bill dealing with the accelerated water planning review process. This bill is recommended to you by the Appropriations Committee on a...I think it was a split vote. The two areas in which there was conflict primarily...the primary conflict on this discussion in the Committee dealt with the make-up of the Public Advisory Committee. As the bill was presented to you, the Advisory Committee is selected by the Governor. In part certain water interests are identified that he should select from and in addition the Executive Board of the Legislative Council with I think nominations from senators, would submit a number of names to the Governor, five names for each of the three spots, one from each congressional district. That would be filled from this group. The other area in which there was disagreement within the Committee dealt with some of the formalizing language as to how the plan would be conducted, which was not as much of a major discussion I guess as the selection of the Advisory Board. I think it's fair to say that everyone does agree that there should be an Advisory Board that provides public input. It should be emphasized, however, that this really is not public input as much, no matter how it's done, it's not public input as much as it is special interest input to assure that various groups that have an interest in the many facets of the use and control and conservation of water resources have an opportunity to express their thinking to the group. It does establish the ultimate responsibility to the Natural Resource Commission. It does also establish the interagency group which is headed by the Governor. This is a technical group charged with the responsibility of...that is, that group is charged with the responsibility of coordinating the various agencies that have designated responsibilities within the plan. Probably your other members of the Appropriations Committee would like to speak more extensively on some of the provisions.

PRESIDENT: A motion on the desk, did you say, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kremer moves to amend, and Senator Kremer's amendments are on Page 1748 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Warner has already stated that this is an intent bill that follows up an appropriation made to the Natural Resources Commission and other state agencies in